

News Release



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Evening Update

New Information since the Last News Release

- The National Weather Service predicts the Mississippi River will crest tomorrow at 39.8 feet, lower than initially expected
- High water still blocks some roads this evening on Mud Island and a neighborhood in the unincorporated area near Frayser
- Firefighters, law enforcement officers and Shelby County Office of Preparedness staff continued their checks today for hazards in high water areas
- There have been no reports of major damage anywhere in Shelby County

Priority Areas Being Monitored for High Water

Mississippi River/Loosahatchie River

1. Woodstock Cuba-Loosahatchie Bridge
2. Benjestown south of Circle Road
3. Benjestown at Carrolton
4. Dewitt Spain Airport
5. Robertson at O.K. Robertson Road
6. Millington Road between Watkins and Carrolton
7. North Watkins at Evadne Avenue
8. Island Place East at North Mud Island Drive

Wolf River Waterway

1. Steel Street at Hindman Avenue
2. Chapel Road south of Cypress & Warford
3. James Road & North McLean
4. North Highland at Orchi
5. West of Blue Road & Harrison

Nonconnah Waterway

1. Presidents Island-Rivergate and Riverport
2. Mobile Home Park at 1520 East Brooks Road
3. Weaver Road Area near Cypress Creek

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Current High Water Threats

1. Water in yards and outdoor storage areas-Downtown in the Harbor Town neighborhood on Mud Island
 - Island Place East
 - Running River Place
 - River Landing Drive
 - Harbor Isle Circle North
 - Marina Cottage Cove
2. Water in the fields and yards in Unincorporated Shelby County-near the Frayser area-Billion Road at Old Cuba-Benjestown Road

Barricaded Areas

- Greenbelt Park and boat ramp
- Shelby Forest access roads and boat ramp
- Second Street between Mud Island drive and the Stiles Treatment Center
- Island Drive at Mud Island Drive
- Island Place East
- Billion Road at Old Cuba-Benjestown Road
- Rodney Baber Park on James Road
- 1400 block of Stonewall Street

Neighborhoods Across Shelby County that Could Be Affected by High Water

1. 38053-Woodstock-Millington Area
2. 38103-Downtown Memphis
3. 38105-North Memphis
4. 38106-South Memphis
5. 38107-North Memphis
6. 38108-North Memphis
7. 38109-Westwood
8. 38113-Presidents Island
9. 38116-Whitehaven
10. 38127-Frayser, Northaven, Shelby Forest
11. 38128-Frayser and Raleigh

Flood Forecast Maps developed the University of Memphis for the Shelby County Office of Preparedness

- Go to www.staysafeshelby.us

Flood Response Efforts

- Shelby County Office of Preparedness Emergency Operations Center is open 24 hours
- Representatives from fire, police, public works, health department and shelter support agencies are staffing the emergency operations center

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Flood Water Prevention Tips from the Shelby County Health Department

- Limit contact with flood water due to potentially elevated levels of contaminants, including raw sewage and other hazardous materials
- Avoid wading, swimming, playing, or boating in floodwaters. It only takes six inches of moving flood water to carry a person away
- If you do come into contact with flood water, immediately wash your hands with disinfecting soap
- Early symptoms from exposure to contaminated flood water may include upset stomach, intestinal problems, headache and other flu-like discomfort - seek immediate medical attention
- Do not allow pets to walk through or drink flood water

(End of Update)